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SUBJECT: ICCS -- POSSIBLE NEW POLISH- HUNGARIAN TACTICS

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1. THE VINH LONG SUB- REGIONAL ICCS TEAM, MINUS THE POLES, MADE ITS FIRST INVESTIGATION APRIL 11. THE TRIPARTITE TEAM INVESTIGATED A BLOWN BRIDGE IN TRA ON DISTRICT OF VINH LONG PROVINCE. THE POLES WERE APPARENTLY ORDERED NOT TO GO ALONG ON THE INVESTIGATION.

2. WE HAD EARLIER INTERPRETED THREE- SIDED INVESTIGATIONS, WITH ONE OR THE OTHER COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS ABSENT, AS BEING
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THE RESULT OF POOR COORDINATING BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNIST ICCS MEMBERS. THREE- PARTY INVESTIGATIONS, ALTHOUGH NOT YET NUMEROUS, ARE OCCURRING WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY, ESPECIALLY AT REGION VII'S MOST ACTIVE SITES, QUAN LONG AND TRI TON. WE BELIEVE THIS MAY BE A NEW COMMUNIST TACTIC TO PREVENT THE SUBMISSION OF UNANIMOUS REPORTS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT PERMITSHM COMMUNIST DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN INVESTIGATIONS IN ORDER TO REBUT CANADIAN AND INDONESIAN FINDINGS. THIS TACTIC ALSO SERVES TO OBSCURE COMMUNIST COLLUSION TO OBSTRUCT ICCS ACTIVITIES.

3. THERE MAY BE TWO REASONS FOR THE CHANGE IN COMMUNIST TACTICS. PRESSURE APPLIED IN WASHINGTON MAY HAVE BROUGHT ORDERS FROM BUDAPEST AND WARSAW NOT TO BE SO CLUMSY IN OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS. SECOND, REGION VII HAS SUBMITTED NUMEROUS CANADIAN AND INDONESIAN VIEWS ON INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS BOYCOTTED, CAUSING THE COMMUNISTS CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT AT ICHU HEADQUARTERS IN SAIGON. WE BELIEVE, AND THE REGION VII CANADIAN DELEGATION CHIEF AGREES, THAT ANY EFFORT TO "SHAPE UP" THE COMMUNIST ICCS MEMBERS WILL ONLY RESULT IN TACTICAL SHIFTS AND WILL NOT ALTER THEIR FUNDAMENTAL POLICY OF STAUNCHLY PROTECTING PRG INTERESTS IN ICCS COUNCILS.

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